

To whom it may concern:

RE: Docket No. 98N-1038, Irradiation in the Production, Processing and Handling of Food

I support the recommendation by the Center for Science in the Public Interest regarding labeling of irradiated foods:

"any foods, or any foods containing ingredients that have been treated by irradiation, should be labeled with a written statement on the principal display panel indicating such treatment. The statement should be easy to read and placed in close proximity to the name of the food and accompanied by the international symbol. If the food is un-packaged, this information should be clearly displayed on a poster in plain view and adjacent to where the product is displayed for sale."

Like other labels, irradiation labels are required by FDA to be truthful and not misleading. I believe the terms "treated with radiation" or "treated by irradiation" should be retained. The requirement for irradiation disclosure should not expire at any time in the future. If there is not label, consumers will be misled into believing the food has not been irradiated.

Sincerely,

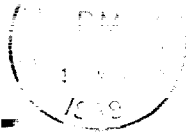
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*It just makes sense to keep consumers informed.*

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